	EMPLOYERS' REINSURANCE FUND AMENDMENTS
	2019 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
LONG	TITLE
Gener	al Description:
	This bill modifies provisions related to the Employers' Reinsurance Fund.
Highli	ghted Provisions:
	This bill:
	<ul><li>provides that after the state pays all liabilities to be paid from the Employers'</li></ul>
	Reinsurance Fund, the Division of Finance shall transfer any remaining assets to the
	Uninsured Employers' Fund; and
	<ul><li>makes technical and conforming changes.</li></ul>
Money	Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
Other	Special Clauses:
	None
Utah (	Code Sections Affected:
AMEN	IDS:
	<b>34A-2-206</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 156
	34A-2-701, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 85
	34A-2-702, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 207
	<b>34A-2-704</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 207
Be it ei	nacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section <b>34A-2-206</b> is amended to read:
	34A-2-206. Furnishing information to division Employers' annual report
Rights	of division Examination of employers under oath Penalties.
0	(1) (a) Every employer shall furnish the division, upon request, all information required
by it to	carry out the purposes of this chapter and Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act.
<b>J</b>	(b) In the month of July of each year every employer shall prepare and mail to the
divisio	n a statement containing the following information:

33 (i) the number of persons employed during the preceding year from July 1, to June 30, 34 inclusive; 35 (ii) the number of the persons employed at each kind of employment; 36 (iii) the scale of wages paid in each class of employment, showing the minimum and 37 maximum wages paid; and 38 (iv) the aggregate amount of wages paid to all employees. 39 (2) (a) The information required under Subsection (1) shall be furnished in the form 40 prescribed by the division. 41 (b) Every employer shall: (i) answer fully and correctly all questions and give all the information sought by the 42 43 division under Subsection (1); or 44 (ii) if unable to comply with Subsection (2)(b)(i), give to the division, in writing, good 45 and sufficient reasons for the failure. 46 (3) (a) The division may require the information required to be furnished by this 47 chapter or Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act, to be made under oath and returned to 48 the division within the period fixed by it or by law. 49 (b) The division, or any person employed by the division for that purpose, shall have 50 the right to examine, under oath, any employer, or the employer's agents or employees, for the 51 purpose of ascertaining any information that the employer is required by this chapter or Chapter 52 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act, to furnish to the division. 53 (4) (a) The division may seek a penalty of not to exceed \$500 for each offense to be 54 recovered in a civil action brought by the commission or the division on behalf of the 55 commission against an employer who: 56 (i) within a reasonable time to be fixed by the division and after the receipt of written 57 notice signed by the director or the director's designee specifying the information demanded 58 and served by certified mail or personal service, refuses to furnish to the division: 59 (A) the annual statement required by this section; or 60 (B) other information as may be required by the division under this section; or 61 (ii) willfully furnishes a false or untrue statement. 62 (b) All penalties collected under Subsection (4)(a) shall be paid into: 63 (i) the Employers' Reinsurance Fund created in Section 34A-2-702[-]; or

64	(ii) if the commissioner has made the notification described in Subsection
65	34A-2-702(7), the Uninsured Employers' Fund created in Section 34A-2-704.
66	Section 2. Section <b>34A-2-701</b> is amended to read:
67	34A-2-701. Premium assessment restricted account for safety.
68	(1) There is created in the General Fund a restricted account known as the "Workplace
69	Safety Account."
70	(2) (a) An amount equal to 0.25% of the premium income remitted to the state
71	treasurer pursuant to Subsection 59-9-101(2)(c)(ii) shall be deposited in the Workplace Safety
72	Account in the General Fund for use as provided in this section.
73	(b) Beginning with fiscal year 2008-09, if the balance in the Workplace Safety Account
74	exceeds \$500,000 at the close of a fiscal year, the excess shall be transferred to:
75	(i) the Employers' Reinsurance Fund, created under Subsection 34A-2-702(1)[-]; or
76	(ii) if the commissioner has made the notification described in Subsection
77	34A-2-702(7), the Uninsured Employers' Fund created in Section 34A-2-702.
78	(3) The Legislature shall appropriate from the restricted account money to one or both
79	of the following:
80	(a) money to the commission for use by the commission to:
81	(i) improve safety consultation services available to Utah employers; or
82	(ii) provide for electronic or print media advertising campaigns designed to promote
83	workplace safety; and
84	(b) subject to Subsection (7), money known as the "Eddie P. Mayne Workplace Safety
85	and Occupational Health Funding Program":
86	(i) to an institution within the state system of higher education, as defined in Section
87	53B-1-102; and
88	(ii) to be expended by an education and research center that is:
89	(A) affiliated with the institution described in Subsection (3)(b)(i); and
90	(B) designated as an education and research center by the National Institute for
91	Occupational Safety and Health.
92	(4) From money appropriated by the Legislature from the restricted account to the
93	commission for use by the commission, the commission may fund other safety programs or
94	initiatives recommended to it by its state workers' compensation advisory council created under

95	Section 34A-2-107.
96	(5) (a) The commission shall annually report to the governor, the Legislature, and its
97	state council regarding:
98	(i) the use of the money appropriated to the commission under Subsection (3) or (4);
99	and
100	(ii) the impact of the use of the money on the safety of Utah's workplaces.
101	(b) By no later than August 15 following a fiscal year in which an education and
102	research center receives money from an appropriation under Subsection (3)(b), the education
103	and research center shall report:
104	(i) to:
105	(A) the governor;
106	(B) the Legislature;
107	(C) the commission; and
108	(D) the state workers' compensation advisory council created under Section
109	34A-2-107; and
110	(ii) regarding:
111	(A) the use of the money appropriated under Subsection (3)(b); and
112	(B) the impact of the use of the money on the safety of Utah's workplaces.
113	(6) The money deposited in the restricted account:
114	(a) shall be:
115	(i) used only for the activities described in Subsection (3) or (4); and
116	(ii) expended according to processes that can be verified by audit; and
117	(b) may not be used by the commission for:
118	(i) administrative costs unrelated to the restricted account; or
119	(ii) any activity of the commission other than the activities of the commission
120	described in Subsection (3) or (4).
121	(7) The total of appropriations under Subsection (3)(b) may not exceed for a fiscal year

- 122 an amount equal to 20% of the premium income remitted to the state treasurer pursuant to Subsection 59-9-101(2)(c) and deposited in the Workplace Safety Account during the previous 123 fiscal year.
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- 125 Section 3. Section **34A-2-702** is amended to read:

126	34A-2-702. Employers' Reinsurance Fund Injury causing death Burial
127	expenses Payments to dependents.
128	(1) (a) There is created an Employers' Reinsurance Fund for the purpose of making a
129	payment for an industrial accident or occupational disease occurring on or before June 30,
130	1994. A payment made under this section shall be made in accordance with this chapter or
131	Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act. The Employers' Reinsurance Fund has no liability
132	for an industrial accident or occupational disease occurring on or after July 1, 1994.
133	(b) The Employers' Reinsurance Fund succeeds to all money previously held in the
134	"Special Fund," the "Combined Injury Fund," or the "Second Injury Fund."
135	(c) The commissioner shall appoint an administrator of the Employers' Reinsurance
136	Fund.
137	(d) The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the Employers' Reinsurance Fund.
138	(e) The administrator shall make provisions for and direct a distribution from the
139	Employers' Reinsurance Fund.
140	(f) Reasonable costs of administering the Employers' Reinsurance Fund or other fees
141	may be paid from the Employers' Reinsurance Fund.
142	(2) The state treasurer shall:
143	(a) receive workers' compensation premium assessments from the State Tax
144	Commission; and
145	(b) invest the Employers' Reinsurance Fund to ensure maximum investment return for
146	both long and short term investments in accordance with Section 34A-2-706.
147	(3) (a) The administrator may employ, retain, or appoint counsel to represent the
148	Employers' Reinsurance Fund in a proceeding brought to enforce a claim against or on behalf
149	of the Employers' Reinsurance Fund.
150	(b) If requested by the commission, the attorney general shall aid in representation of
151	the Employers' Reinsurance Fund.
152	(4) The liability of the state, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities, elected or
153	appointed officials, or other duly authorized agents, with respect to payment of compensation
154	benefits, expenses, fees, medical expenses, or disbursement properly chargeable against the
155	Employers' Reinsurance Fund, is limited to the cash or assets in the Employers' Reinsurance
156	Fund, and they are not otherwise, in any way, liable for the operation, debts, or obligations of

137	the Employers Reinsurance Fund.
158	(5) (a) If injury causes death within a period of 312 weeks from the date of the
159	accident, the employer or insurance carrier shall pay:
160	(i) the burial expenses of the deceased as provided in Section 34A-2-418; and
161	(ii) benefits in the amount and to a person provided for in this Subsection (5).
162	(b) (i) If there is a wholly dependent person at the time of the death, the payment by the
163	employer or the employer's insurance carrier shall be:
164	(A) subject to Subsections (5)(b)(i)(B) and (C), 66-2/3% of the decedent's average
165	weekly wage at the time of the injury;
166	(B) not more than a maximum of 85% of the state average weekly wage at the time of
167	the injury per week; and
168	(C) (I) not less than a minimum of \$45 per week, plus:
169	(Aa) \$20 for a dependent spouse; and
170	(Bb) \$20 for each dependent minor child under the age of 18 years, up to a maximum
171	of four such dependent minor children; and
172	(II) not exceeding:
173	(Aa) the average weekly wage of the employee at the time of the injury; and
174	(Bb) 85% of the state average weekly wage at the time of the injury per week.
175	(ii) Compensation shall continue during dependency for the remainder of the period
176	between the date of the death and the expiration of 312 weeks after the date of the injury.
177	(iii) (A) The payment by the employer or the employer's insurance carrier to a wholly
178	dependent person during dependency following the expiration of the first 312-week period
179	described in Subsection (5)(b)(ii) shall be an amount equal to the weekly benefits paid to the
180	wholly dependent person during the initial 312-week period, reduced by 50% of the federal
181	social security death benefits the wholly dependent person:
182	(I) is eligible to receive for a week as of the first day the employee is eligible to receive
183	a Social Security death benefit; and
184	(II) receives.
185	(B) An employer or the employer's insurance carrier may not reduce compensation
186	payable under this Subsection (5)(b)(iii) on or after May 5, 2008, to a wholly dependent person
187	by an amount related to a cost-of-living increase to the social security death benefits that the

wholly dependent person is first eligible to receive for a week, notwithstanding whether the employee is injured on or before May 4, 2008.

- (C) For purposes of a wholly dependent person whose compensation payable is reduced under this Subsection (5)(b)(iii) on or before May 4, 2008, the reduction is limited to the amount of the reduction as of May 4, 2008.
- (iv) The issue of dependency is subject to review at the end of the initial 312-week period and annually after the initial 312-week period. If in a review it is determined that, under the facts and circumstances existing at that time, the applicant is no longer a wholly dependent person, the applicant:
  - (A) may be considered a partly dependent or nondependent person; and
  - (B) shall be paid the benefits as may be determined under Subsection (5)(d)(iii).
- (c) (i) For purposes of a dependency determination, a surviving spouse of a deceased employee is conclusively presumed to be wholly dependent for a 312-week period from the date of death of the employee. This presumption does not apply after the initial 312-week period.
- (ii) (A) In determining the annual income of the surviving spouse after the initial 312-week period, there shall be excluded 50% of a federal social security death benefit that the surviving spouse:
- (I) is eligible to receive for a week as of the first day the surviving spouse is eligible to receive a Social Security death benefit; and
  - (II) receives.

- (B) An employer or the employer's insurance carrier may not reduce compensation payable under this Subsection (5)(c)(ii) on or after May 5, 2008, to a surviving spouse by an amount related to a cost-of-living increase to the social security death benefits that the surviving spouse is first eligible to receive for a week, notwithstanding whether the employee is injured on or before May 4, 2008.
- (C) For purposes of a surviving spouse whose compensation payable is reduced under this Subsection (5)(c)(ii) on or before May 4, 2008, the reduction is limited to the amount of the reduction as of May 4, 2008.
- 217 (d) (i) If there is a partly dependent person at the time of the death, the payment shall be:

219	(A) subject to Subsections (5)(d)(i)(B) and (C), 66-2/3% of the decedent's average
220	weekly wage at the time of the injury;
221	(B) not more than a maximum of 85% of the state average weekly wage at the time of
222	the injury per week; and
223	(C) not less than a minimum of \$45 per week.
224	(ii) Compensation shall continue during dependency for the remainder of the period
225	between the date of death and the expiration of 312 weeks after the date of injury.
226	Compensation may not amount to more than a maximum of \$30,000.
227	(iii) The benefits provided for in this Subsection (5)(d) shall be in keeping with the
228	circumstances and conditions of dependency existing at the date of injury, and any amount paid
229	under this Subsection (5)(d) shall be consistent with the general provisions of this chapter and
230	Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act.
231	(iv) Benefits to a person determined to be partly dependent under Subsection (5)(c):
232	(A) shall be determined in keeping with the circumstances and conditions of
233	dependency existing at the time of the dependency review; and
234	(B) may be paid in an amount not exceeding the maximum weekly rate that a partly
235	dependent person would receive if wholly dependent.
236	(v) A payment under this section shall be paid to a person during a person's
237	dependency by the employer or the employer's insurance carrier.
238	(e) (i) Subject to Subsection (5)(e)(ii), if there is a wholly dependent person and also a
239	partly dependent person at the time of death, the benefits may be apportioned in a manner
240	consistent with Section 34A-2-414.
241	(ii) The total benefits awarded to all parties concerned may not exceed the maximum
242	provided for by law.
243	(6) The Employers' Reinsurance Fund:
244	(a) shall be:
245	(i) used only in accordance with Subsection (1) for:
246	(A) the purpose of making a payment for an industrial accident or occupational disease
247	occurring on or before June 30, 1994, in accordance with this section and Section 34A-2-703;
248	and
249	(B) payment of:

250	(I) reasonable costs of administering the Employers' Reinsurance Fund; or
251	(II) fees required to be paid by the Employers' Reinsurance Fund;
252	(ii) expended according to processes that can be verified by audit; and
253	(b) may not be used for:
254	(i) administrative costs unrelated to the Employers' Reinsurance Fund; or
255	(ii) an activity of the commission other than an activity described in Subsection (6)(a).
256	(7) (a) After the commissioner determines that all liabilities to be paid from the
257	Employers' Reinsurance Fund have been paid, the commissioner shall notify the Division of
258	Finance.
259	(b) Upon notification from the commissioner in accordance with Subsection (7)(a), the
260	Division of Finance shall transfer any residual assets in the Employers' Reinsurance Fund into
261	the Uninsured Employers' Fund.
262	Section 4. Section <b>34A-2-704</b> is amended to read:
263	34A-2-704. Uninsured Employers' Fund.
264	(1) (a) There is created an Uninsured Employers' Fund. The Uninsured Employers'
265	Fund has the purpose of assisting in the payment of workers' compensation benefits to a person
266	entitled to the benefits, if:
267	(i) that person's employer:
268	(A) is individually, jointly, or severally liable to pay the benefits; and
269	(B) (I) becomes or is insolvent;
270	(II) appoints or has appointed a receiver; or
271	(III) otherwise does not have sufficient funds, insurance, sureties, or other security to
272	cover workers' compensation liabilities; and
273	(ii) the employment relationship between that person and the person's employer is
274	localized within the state as provided in Subsection (20).
275	(b) The Uninsured Employers' Fund succeeds to money previously held in the Default
276	Indemnity Fund.
277	(c) If it becomes necessary to pay benefits, the Uninsured Employers' Fund is liable for
278	the obligations of the employer set forth in this chapter and Chapter 3, Utah Occupational
279	Disease Act, with the exception of a penalty on those obligations.
280	(2) (a) Money for the Uninsured Employers' Fund shall be deposited into the Uninsured

281	Employers' Fund in accordance with this chapter[-] and Subsection 59-9-101(2)[-, and
282	<del>Subsection 34A-2-213(3)</del> ].
283	(b) The commissioner shall appoint an administrator of the Uninsured Employers'
284	Fund.
285	(c) (i) The state treasurer is the custodian of the Uninsured Employers' Fund.
286	(ii) The administrator shall make provisions for and direct distribution from the
287	Uninsured Employers' Fund.
288	(3) Reasonable costs of administering the Uninsured Employers' Fund or other fees
289	required to be paid by the Uninsured Employers' Fund may be paid from the Uninsured
290	Employers' Fund.
291	(4) The state treasurer shall:
292	(a) receive workers' compensation premium assessments from the State Tax
293	Commission; and
294	(b) invest the Uninsured Employers' Fund to ensure maximum investment return for
295	both long and short term investments in accordance with Section 34A-2-706.
296	(5) (a) The administrator may employ, retain, or appoint counsel to represent the
297	Uninsured Employers' Fund in a proceeding brought to enforce a claim against or on behalf of
298	the Uninsured Employers' Fund.
299	(b) If requested by the commission, the following shall aid in the representation of the
300	Uninsured Employers' Fund:
301	(i) the attorney general; or
302	(ii) the city attorney, or county attorney of the locality in which:
303	(A) an investigation, hearing, or trial under this chapter or Chapter 3, Utah
304	Occupational Disease Act, is pending;
305	(B) the employee resides; or
306	(C) an employer:
307	(I) resides; or
308	(II) is doing business.
309	(c) (i) Notwithstanding Title 63A, Chapter 3, Part 5, Office of State Debt Collection,
310	the administrator shall provide for the collection of money required to be deposited in the
311	Uninsured Employers' Fund under this chapter and Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act

312	(ii) To comply with Subsection (5)(c)(i), the administrator may:
313	(A) take appropriate action, including docketing an award in a manner consistent with
314	Section 34A-2-212; and
315	(B) employ counsel and other personnel necessary to collect the money described in
316	Subsection $(5)(c)(i)$ .
317	(6) To the extent of the compensation and other benefits paid or payable to or on behalf
318	of an employee or the employee's dependents from the Uninsured Employers' Fund, the
319	Uninsured Employers' Fund, by subrogation, has the rights, powers, and benefits of the
320	employee or the employee's dependents against the employer failing to make the compensation
321	payments.
322	(7) (a) The receiver, trustee, liquidator, or statutory successor of an employer meeting a
323	condition listed in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B) is bound by a settlement of a covered claim by the
324	Uninsured Employers' Fund.
325	(b) A court with jurisdiction shall grant a payment made under this section a priority
326	equal to that to which the claimant would have been entitled in the absence of this section
327	against the assets of the employer meeting a condition listed in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B).
328	(c) The expenses of the Uninsured Employers' Fund in handling a claim shall be
329	accorded the same priority as the liquidator's expenses.
330	(8) (a) The administrator shall periodically file the information described in Subsection
331	(8)(b) with the receiver, trustee, or liquidator of:
332	(i) an employer that meets a condition listed in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B);
333	(ii) a public agency insurance mutual, as defined in Section 31A-1-103, that meets a
334	condition listed in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B); or
335	(iii) an insolvent insurance carrier.
336	(b) The information required to be filed under Subsection (8)(a) is:
337	(i) a statement of the covered claims paid by the Uninsured Employers' Fund; and
338	(ii) an estimate of anticipated claims against the Uninsured Employers' Fund.
339	(c) A filing under this Subsection (8) preserves the rights of the Uninsured Employers'
340	Fund for claims against the assets of the employer that meets a condition listed in Subsection
341	(1)(a)(i)(B).
342	(9) When an injury or death for which compensation is payable from the Uninsured

343 Employers' Fund has been caused by the wrongful act or neglect of another person not in the 344 same employment, the Uninsured Employers' Fund has the same rights as allowed under 345 Section 34A-2-106. 346 (10) The Uninsured Employers' Fund, subject to approval of the administrator, shall 347 discharge its obligations by: 348 (a) adjusting its own claims; or 349 (b) contracting with an adjusting company, risk management company, insurance 350 company, or other company that has expertise and capabilities in adjusting and paying workers' 351 compensation claims. 352 (11) (a) For the purpose of maintaining the Uninsured Employers' Fund, an 353 administrative law judge, upon rendering a decision with respect to a claim for workers' 354 compensation benefits in which an employer that meets a condition listed in Subsection 355 (1)(a)(i)(B) is duly joined as a party, shall: 356 (i) order the employer that meets a condition listed in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B) to 357 reimburse the Uninsured Employers' Fund for the benefits paid to or on behalf of an injured 358 employee by the Uninsured Employers' Fund along with interest, costs, and attorney fees; and 359 (ii) impose a penalty against the employer that meets a condition listed in Subsection 360 (1)(a)(i)(B): 361 (A) of 15% of the value of the total award in connection with the claim; and 362 (B) that shall be deposited into the Uninsured Employers' Fund. 363 (b) An award under this Subsection (11) shall be collected by the administrator in 364 accordance with Subsection (5)(c). 365 (12) The state, the commission, and the state treasurer, with respect to payment of 366 compensation benefits, expenses, fees, or disbursement properly chargeable against the 367 Uninsured Employers' Fund: 368 (a) are liable only to the assets in the Uninsured Employers' Fund; and 369 (b) are not otherwise in any way liable for the making of a payment. 370 (13) The commission may make reasonable rules for the processing and payment of a 371 claim for compensation from the Uninsured Employers' Fund. 372 (14) (a) (i) If it becomes necessary for the Uninsured Employers' Fund to pay benefits

under this section to an employee described in Subsection (14)(a)(ii), the Uninsured Employers'

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374 Fund may assess all other self-insured employers amounts necessary to pay: 375 (A) the obligations of the Uninsured Employers' Fund subsequent to a condition listed 376 in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B) occurring; 377 (B) the expenses of handling covered a claim subsequent to a condition listed in 378 Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B) occurring; 379 (C) the cost of an examination under Subsection (15); and 380 (D) other expenses authorized by this section. 381 (ii) This Subsection (14) applies to benefits paid to an employee of: 382 (A) a self-insured employer, as defined in Section 34A-2-201.5, that meets a condition 383 listed in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B); or 384 (B) if the self-insured employer that meets a condition described in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B) is a public agency insurance mutual, a member of the public agency insurance 385 386 mutual. 387 (b) The assessments of a self-insured employer shall be in the proportion that the 388 manual premium of the self-insured employer for the preceding calendar year bears to the 389 manual premium of all self-insured employers for the preceding calendar year. 390 (c) A self-insured employer shall be notified of the self-insured employer's assessment 391 not later than 30 days before the day on which the assessment is due. 392 (d) (i) A self-insured employer may not be assessed in any year an amount greater than 393 2% of that self-insured employer's manual premium for the preceding calendar year. 394 (ii) If the maximum assessment does not provide in a year an amount sufficient to 395 make all necessary payments from the Uninsured Employers' Fund for one or more self-insured 396 employers that meet a condition listed in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B), the unpaid portion shall be 397 paid as soon as money becomes available. 398 (e) A self-insured employer is liable under this section for a period not to exceed three 399 years after the day on which the Uninsured Employers' Fund first pays benefits to an employee 400 described in Subsection (14)(a)(ii) for the self-insured employer that meets a condition listed in

(f) This Subsection (14) does not apply to a claim made against a self-insured employer that meets a condition listed in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B) if the condition listed in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B) occurred before July 1, 1986.

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Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B).

405 (15) (a) The following shall notify the division of any information indicating that any 406 of the following may be insolvent or in a financial condition hazardous to its employees or the 407 public: 408 (i) a self-insured employer; or 409 (ii) if the self-insured employer is a public agency insurance mutual, a member of the 410 public agency insurance mutual. 411 (b) Upon receipt of the notification described in Subsection (15)(a) and with good 412 cause appearing, the division may order an examination of: 413 (i) that self-insured employer; or 414 (ii) if the self-insured employer is a public agency insurance mutual, a member of the 415 public agency mutual. 416 (c) The cost of the examination ordered under Subsection (15)(b) shall be assessed 417 against all self-insured employers as provided in Subsection (14). 418 (d) The results of the examination ordered under Subsection (15)(b) shall be kept 419 confidential. 420 (16) (a) In a claim against an employer by the Uninsured Employers' Fund, or by or on 421 behalf of the employee to whom or to whose dependents compensation and other benefits are 422 paid or payable from the Uninsured Employers' Fund, the burden of proof is on the employer or 423 other party in interest objecting to the claim. 424 (b) A claim described in Subsection (16)(a) is presumed to be valid up to the full 425 amount of workers' compensation benefits claimed by the employee or the employee's 426 dependents. 427 (c) This Subsection (16) applies whether the claim is filed in court or in an adjudicative 428 proceeding under the authority of the commission. 429 (17) A partner in a partnership or an owner of a sole proprietorship may not recover 430 compensation or other benefits from the Uninsured Employers' Fund if: 431 (a) the person is not included as an employee under Subsection 34A-2-104(3); or 432 (b) the person is included as an employee under Subsection 34A-2-104(3), but: 433 (i) the person's employer fails to insure or otherwise provide adequate payment of 434 direct compensation; and 435 (ii) the failure described in Subsection (17)(b)(i) is attributable to an act or omission

436	over which the person had or shared control or responsibility.
437	(18) A director or officer of a corporation may not recover compensation or other
438	benefits from the Uninsured Employers' Fund if the director or officer is excluded from
439	coverage under Subsection 34A-2-104(4).
440	(19) The Uninsured Employers' Fund:
441	(a) shall be:
442	(i) used in accordance with this section only for:
443	(A) the purpose of assisting in the payment of workers' compensation benefits in
444	accordance with Subsection (1); and
445	(B) in accordance with Subsection (3), payment of:
446	(I) reasonable costs of administering the Uninsured Employers' Fund; or
447	(II) fees required to be paid by the Uninsured Employers' Fund; and
448	(ii) expended according to processes that can be verified by audit; and
449	(b) may not be used for:
450	(i) administrative costs unrelated to the Uninsured Employers' Fund; or
451	(ii) an activity of the commission other than an activity described in Subsection (19)(a)
452	(20) (a) For purposes of Subsection (1), an employment relationship is localized in the
453	state if:
454	(i) (A) the employer who is liable for the benefits has a business premise in the state;
455	and
456	(B) (I) the contract for hire is entered into in the state; or
457	(II) the employee regularly performs work duties in the state for the employer who is
458	liable for the benefits; or
459	(ii) the employee is:
460	(A) a resident of the state; and
461	(B) regularly performs work duties in the state for the employer who is liable for the
462	benefits.
463	(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
464	commission shall by rule define what constitutes regularly performing work duties in the state.